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HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

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No. 233.

1.—Sand Table Scheme.

At 5.45 p.m. on Monday, November 22nd, Major F. C. Roberts, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., will go through on the Sand Table the field-day, which was carried out by the Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies against the 5/2nd Punjab Regiment on November 7th. All members of the Corps interested are invited to attend.

2.—Applications for Leave, etc.

Applications for leave and resignation, etc., from all members, except the Reserve Company, will be sent in the first instance to the Company Commander and not to the Adjutant.

3.—Annual Camp.

The Engineer and Scottish Companies will attend camp during the week-end, December 10th-12th, 1926.

Attendance in camp is a condition for efficiency.

It is hoped that members will be able to get out by the evening trains on Friday, December 10th, for Saturday, to count as a full day's training, members must arrive before 8 a.m. on Saturday, December 11th, 1926.

O.C. Engineer and Scottish Companies will report to Corps Headquarters before 8 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8th, the number of members attending camp, so that rations can be arranged.

TIME TABLE FOR TRAINS.

From Kowloon to Fanning:—
Friday evening:—5.29 p.m. and 7.31 p.m.
Saturday morning:—8.40 a.m.
From Fanning to Kowloon:—
Sunday evening:—5.30 p.m.
Monday morning:—7.31 a.m.

RAILWAY WARRANTS.

Arrangements are being made with the Railway Company to issue second class return tickets to Fanning for other ranks. The Senior N.C.O., or men present will be responsible for the names are ticked off on the list at the Booking Office, as the tickets are issued.

Baggage: Members wishing to have their baggage sent to the camp at Fanning must deliver it, clearly labelled with the owners' names at Corps Headquarters by 2.30 p.m. on Friday, December 10th.

Rifles and Bayonets are not on any account to be left in camp during mid-week.

Bedding will be drawn from the store tent by members sleeping in camp, and returned before members leave on the Sunday evening or Monday morning.

Arms: May be drawn from Corps Headquarters, between the following hours:—
From Monday, 8th to Thursday, 10th December:—9 a.m. to 12 noon, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on
Friday, December 10th, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon only.

Dress for Engineer and Scottish Companies.

Marching order, i.e., helmets, rifles, bayonets, belts, sidearms, pouches, braces, haversacks, waterbottles, greatcoats, tunics, shorts, putties and boots.

Scottish Company: Kilts, khaki aprons, khaki hose, flashes, Gengarricks to be worn from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

4.—Artillery Company.

City and Taikoo Section will parade at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday, December 2nd, 1926, at 5.30 p.m. for 6" Howitzer gun drill and Signalling Instruction. Drill: Muffi.

Transport for Taikoo Section will be at Taikoo Dock, East Gate at 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 2nd.

5.—Engineer Company.

Lights Section will parade at Wellington Barracks at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, December 2nd, for lecture on D.E.L. plant and instruments. Dress: Muffi.

Field Sections will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1st, for practical work on field works training. Dress: Muffi.

Signalling Section will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on the following dates:—
Monday, November 22nd, for overhauling and testing W.T. Sets.
Thursday, December 2nd, for lecture on Corps W.T. Sets. Dress: Muffi.

6.—Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies.

The Companies will go into camp at Fanning on Friday, December 3rd, 1926.

Attendance is a condition for efficiency. It is hoped that members will be able to get out by the evening trains on Friday, December 3rd; for Saturday to count as a full day's training, members must arrive before 8 a.m. on Saturday, December 4th.

O.C. M.I. and A.C. Companies will report to Corps Headquarters before 9 a.m. on Wednesday, December 1st, the number of members attending camp, so that rations can be arranged.

Dress: Marching order, i.e., helmets, rifles, bayonets, belts, bandoliers, haversacks, waterbottles, tunics, shorts, putties, boots and greatcoats. All Mobile Section will wear breeches.

Arms: Must be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, December 3rd, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon only.

7.—Armoured Car Company.

All ranks are requested to attend at Corps Headquarters on Monday, November 22nd, at 5.30 p.m. when Major Roberts will give a criticism on the Sand Table of the scheme undertaken by the Armoured Car Company at the first camp on November 7th.

Wednesday, December 1st, at 5.30 p.m. Motor-cyclists will parade for machine-gun instruction under Lieut. J. E. Hancock. Gunners for instruction under Lieut. J. W. Henderson.

Special Parade: Friday, December 10th, 1926.

The motor-cyclists will parade at 5.15 p.m. at Central Police Station under Lieut. J. E. Hancock for co-operation with the Special Police Flying Squad.

Dress: Uniform with helmets, breeches, belt and rifles.

It is requested that those who are willing to attend this parade will notify Sergt. Edwards before Wednesday, December 8th.

As the exercise will be of special interest to members of the Motor Cyclist Section it is hoped that this parade will be largely attended.

8.—Infantry Company.

Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7th, N.C.O.'s Class for Company N.C.O.'s Musketry Class for those detailed by Platoon Commanders.

No. 1 Platoon: Rifle Section, extended order drill. Lewis Gun Section under Lieut. Jarvis, M.C.

Nos. 3 and 4 Platoons: Lecture on Elementary Map Reading.

9.—Scottish Company.

Annual Church Parade: Sunday, Nov. 28th, 1926.

All members of Scottish Company, including Reserves and Band, will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 10 a.m. for Annual Church Parade.

Dress: Gengarricks, tunics (with Medals), belt and sidearms, kilts, sporran, diced hose, flashes, spats and brogues.

Platoon and Company photographs will be taken after the service. The Chief-tain of St. Andrew's Society and the Officer Commanding Scottish Company, earnestly hope that every member of the Company will do his very utmost to be present.

10.—Promotions and Appointments.

The following promotions and appointments will take effect from November 22nd, 1926:—

ENGINEER COMPANY.

No. 789 L/Corpl. C. S. Coom to be Corporal.

No. 853 Spr. E. S. Carter to be Lance-Corporal.

No. 965 Spr. A. A. Dand to be Lance-Corporal.

No. 807 Spr. J. G. Hooper to be Lance-Corporal.

ARMOURD CAR COMPANY.

No. 807 L/Sergt. J. W. Henderson to be Sergeant as from October 1st, 1926.

11.—Resignations.

The following are permitted to revert to Sappers at their own request, as from November 22nd, 1926:—

ENGINEER COMPANY.

No. 521 Corpl. H. I. Best.

No. 612 L/Corpl. J. Watson.

No. 833 L/Corpl. K. S. Robertson.

12.—Transfers.

No. 521 Spr. H. J. Best is transferred from the Engineer Company to the Reserve Company, as from November 22nd, 1926.

No. 516 Spr. Watson is transferred from the Engineer Company to the Artillery Company, as from November 22nd, 1926.

13.—Resignations.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps on leaving the Colony:—
No. 1010 L/Corpl. B. E. Church, M.C., A.C. Co., as from December 1st, 1926.

No. 975 Bugler E. G. Evans, No. 2 Platoon, as from November 27th, 1926.

No. 270 Corpl. C. E. Millard, No. 2 Platoon is permitted to resign from the Corps, as from November 15th, 1926, having completed five years and 11 months' service in the Corps.

No. 314 L/Corpl. N. Drummond, Pipe Band, is permitted to resign from the Corps, as from November 30th, 1926, having completed five years and eight months' service in the Corps.

14.—Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—
No. 1058 Pte. Durran, M.I. Co., from November 16th, 1926, to August 15th, 1927.

No. 756 Pte. W. M. Mason, No. 2 Platoon, from October 10th, 1926, to January 9th, 1927, on medical grounds.

No. 509 Corpl. J. G. Marshall, No. 4 Platoon, from October 1st, 1926, to March 31st, 1927.

No. 859 L/Corpl. J. V. V. Remedios, No. 4 Platoon, from October 1st, 1926, to March 31st, 1927, on medical grounds.

No. 940 Spr. J. B. Pomeroy, Engineer Co., from November 24th, to December 23rd, 1926, on medical grounds.

No. 595 Pte. G. W. Sellars, No. 7 Platoon, from November 13th to December 14th, 1926.

No. 606 Pte. A. Macfarlane, No. 7 Platoon, is granted 8 months' extension of leave from November 1st, 1926, to June 30th, 1927.

N. C. D. BROCKWELL, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

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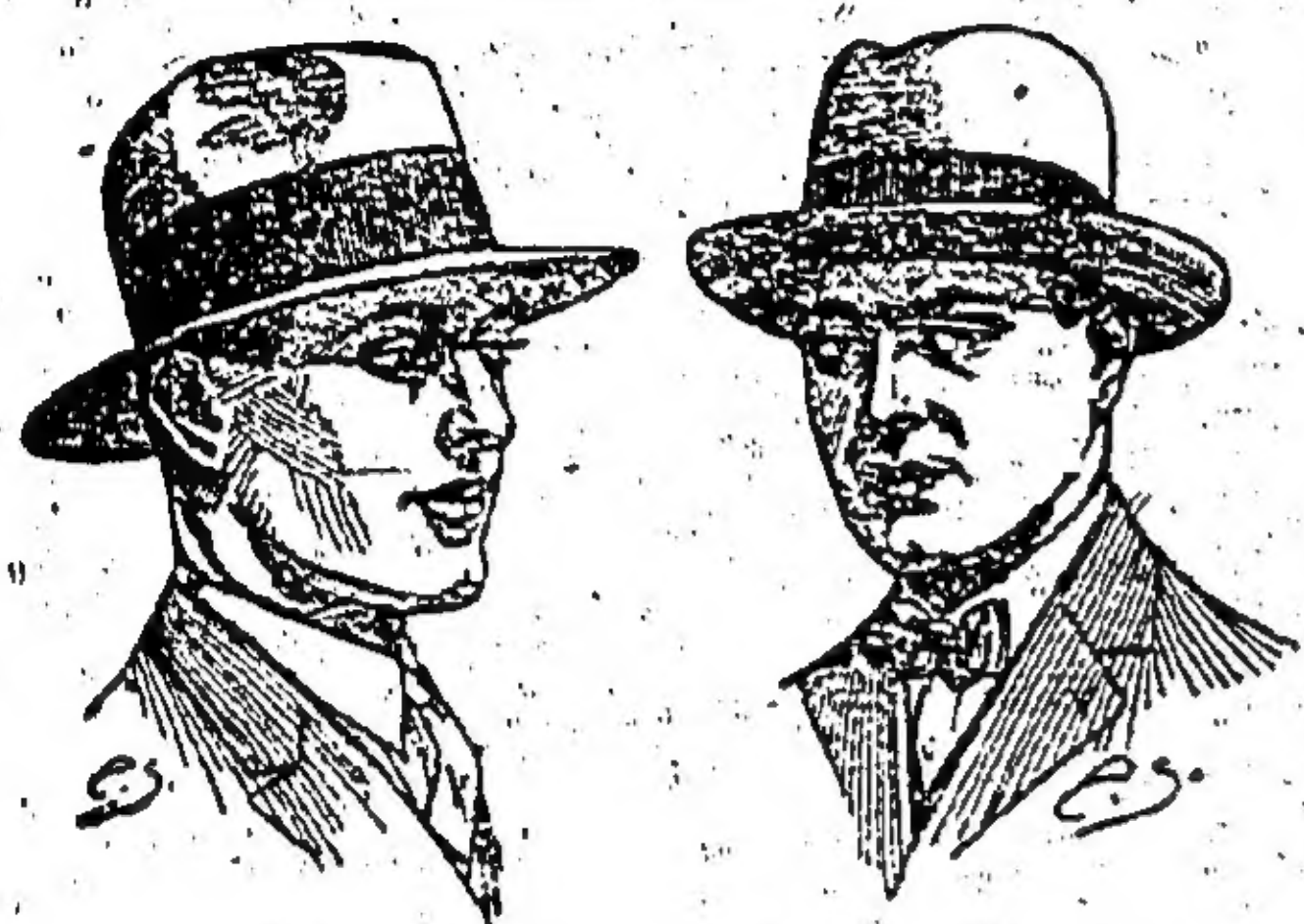
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SHANGHAI GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

GAME STRUGGLE IN SEMI-FINAL.
BLINKO'S WIN OVER HASLEHURST.

The semi-final of the Shanghai Golf Club championship was played on Sunday last at Kiangwan, when the results were as follows:—

A. R. Blinko beat G. W. F. Haslehurst, 8 and 5.
M. W. Budd beat J. F. Pilcher 3 and 2.

Commenting on the game, the *N.C. Daily News* says:—On the whole the weather was unpleasant, for while it was damp and chilly in the morning, there was a certain amount of rain in the afternoon. It affected the spectators, however, more than the players, who showed on occasion very good form.

Blinko Disposes of Haslehurst.

It was not anticipated that Haslehurst would have much of a chance against Blinko, and he lessened the possibilities by losing four out of the first five holes, principally through getting out of bounds. Thereafter, however, he pulled himself together, and gave his opponent a very good game. Blinko showed great steadiness, and was driving very well and straight. While he never seemed to get any very long putts down, he was missing no short ones, and on the whole he allowed Haslehurst very few chances.

At the ninth hole Haslehurst was four down, but he kept his end up well until tiffin time, losing only one more hole. Blinko was round in approximately 75 while Haslehurst took 81.

In the afternoon play continued on the same lines, Blinko giving very little away, and allowing Haslehurst no chance to pull up. The contest came to a conclusion by Blinko winning by 6 and 5.

Pilcher and Budd.

An interested spectator of the match between Budd and Pilcher was Mr. Pilcher, sr., who is in Shanghai on a visit from South Africa. He witnessed his son putting up some very good golf, but not accurate enough to defeat the holder of the championship. There was a very close round in the morning. Budd being approximately 78 while Pilcher was 78. At the 8th hole Pilcher was one up, but Budd brought the match all square at the half way, and from this point onwards retained the advantage, being one up at tiffin time.

The first few holes in the afternoon were disappointing from the point of view of the form which Pilcher can show. He had a better drive than Budd at the first, but was very short in his approach and lost the hole in 3 to 4. A beautiful short approach by Budd to the second enabled the latter to get a 4 against Pilcher's 5, and he stood three up. At the third Budd was in the rough and over-ran the pin. Pilcher was lying nicely, but duffed his short run up, and required 5, being thus 4 down. It was only by missing a short putt at the 4th that Budd allowed Pilcher a half here, while at the 5th there was another half in 5, both holing out long putts. The 6th was halved in 4, and at the 7th Budd, who had sliced into the rough with his drive, made a fine recovery and holed out in 3, making himself four up. At this hole Pilcher from his drive was in a much better position, but here as elsewhere failed to grasp an opportunity. After a half in 4 at the eighth, Pilcher required three putts at the ninth, and Budd stood five up with nine to go.

The Closing Phase.

An indifferent half at the 10th followed, and then Pilcher laid a beautiful tee shot, dead at the 11th and secured the hole. The 12th was halved in 4, and then at the 13th, while Budd sliced into the bunker, Pilcher played a beauty to the green. Just missing a 2, Pilcher won in 3 to 4, and was three down with five to go. Pilcher had a beautiful drive at the pond hole, whereas Budd sliced into the rough. Then, however, Budd laid his shot practically dead, while Pilcher was very wide. Budd missed a short putt and conceded a half in 4. At the 15th Budd was distinctly lucky. He had sliced into the next fairway, and taking a brassie went straight for the water, but then luckily bounced over. Pilcher was short with his second and over-ran the green with his third, and there was a half in 5. Budd was thus down three, and with a half in 6 at the 18th he won by 3 and 2 to play.

HOCKEY.

Y.M.C.A. DEFEATED BY CLUB "A."

After an excellent and well contested game at King's Park last evening, the European Y.M.C.A. (Kowloon) Hockey team were defeated by the Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" team by two goals to nil.

CHARITY CINEMA PERFORMANCES.

\$836 REALISED AT THE WORLD THEATRE.

The gross proceeds of the two cinema performances at the World Theatre on Wednesday afternoon given in aid of the Chinese Mission to Lepers and the Kowloon City Almshouse and Orphanage, amounted to \$779.20. After deducting the expenses, \$136 the net result \$643 will go to the benefit of the charities named.

The organisers of the entertainment desire to express through the medium of this column their very sincere thanks to Mr. H. W. Ray, of Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., for his ready and sympathetic response in lending the theatre, films and the services of his assistants for the performance which proved such a success.

CRICKET.

K.O.S.B. BEAT KOWLOON.

FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE REGIMENT'S XI.

Fast scoring was witnessed at the Kowloon Cricket Club ground yesterday between the Home Club and the 2nd Bn. King's Own Scottish Borderers' XI. This was the first appearance of the new Regiment's XI, and they distinguished themselves by beating a strong Kowloon team.

The victory was mainly due to the fine innings of Capt. Dobbie, of Interport fame, who knocked up 90 runs by forceful play in just over an hour. Kowloon batted first.

The scores follow:—

KOWLOON'S XI.

J. C. Lyle, c and b Thorp	42
E. G. Renton, st. Brown, b Hankey	4
A. R. F. Raven, b Hankey	7
Capt. E. W. Morris, not out	63
F. Edwards, b Dobbie	24
Capt. R. A. Warters, c Stock, b Hankey	1
Capt. F. G. Bevis, not out	4
Extras	10

Total (for 5 wickets)155

N. R. Ross, E. B. Morton, C. H. Atkins and T. G. Gill did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Capt. Dobbie	11	4	26	1
Hankey	13	2	43	3
Cpl. Perfect	2	0	18	0
Pte. Stock	2	0	18	0
Capt. Thorp	6	0	34	1
Pte. Everest	4	1	8	0

* Bowled 1 no ball. † Bowled 2 no balls.

K.O.S.B.

Lieut. Hankey, o Gill, b Bevis	8
Capt. Thorpe, b Lyle	9
Lieut. J. D. Welch, c Raven, b Bevis	10
Col. Comyn, c Edwards, b Lyle	7
Capt. Dobbie, l.b.w. b Morris	90
Pte. Everest, c Edwards, b Morris	18
Sergt. Potts, not out	3
Cpl. Perfect, not out	14
Extras	5

Total (for 6 wickets)164

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lyle	13	3	43	2
Capt. Bevis	6	1	22	2
Capt. Morris	10	0	35	2
N. H. Ross	3	0	28	0

Central British School v. Diocesan Boys' School.

A match was played between the Central British School and the Diocesan Boys' School at King's Park on Wednesday, the 24th inst.

Following are the scores:—

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL.

D. Vickers, c Anderson, b Mackay	1
D. Kelly, b A. Lee	7
G. Macay, run out	5
J. Hirst, c and b Mackay	17
S. McNider, c Clarke, b Mackay	6
W. Skelton, b Mackay	2
M. Bach, b E. Lee	9
G. Carr, b E. Lee	8
W. Hirst, c F. R. Zimmermann, b E. Lee	2
E. Hayson, not out	1
L. Easterbrook, c and b E. Lee	0
Extras	8

Total 68

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. Lee	7	1	21	1
N. Mackay	8	2	30	4
E. Lee	3	2	5	4

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

E. Lee, b Kelly	4
D. Anderson, b J. Hirst	0
A. Lee, b J. Hirst	6
R. Gerrard, b J. Hirst	0
F. I. Zimmermann, c Easterbrook, b Carr	29
N. Mackay, c Skelton, b Kelly	9
L. Dixon, l.b.w. b Carr	7
J. Fisher, b J. Hirst	12
J. R. Zimmermann, b J. Hirst	2
A. Clarke, b J. Hirst	0
J. Fox, not out	1
Extras	2

Total 72

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. Hirst	10.5	3	38	6
D. Kelly	12	2	23	2
G. Carr	3	1	7	2

Club de Recreio v. Police.

The Club de Recreio and the Police will play a League match to-morrow at King's Park, commencing at 2.15 p.m. sharp. The following will represent the Club de Recreio:—H. A. Alves, H. A. Barros, F. H. Carvalho, D. F. Lopes, C. E. Marques, J. E. Noronha, M. F. Pinna, R. C. Reed, C. M. Sousa, H. M. Xavier and A. N. Other.

H.K.O.C. 1st XI v. University 1st XI.

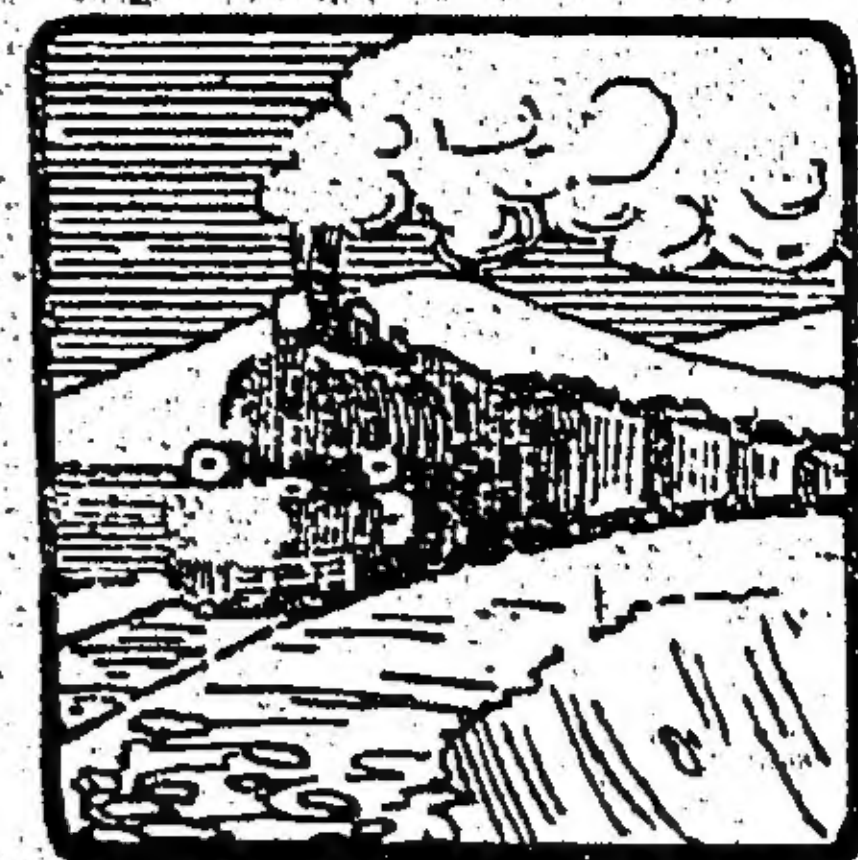
In the H.K.O.C. 1st XI League match (away) against the University 1st XI on Saturday, the following will represent the Club:—H. J. Armstrong, H. C. Burgess, Capt. Evers, A. W. Haywood (capt.), J. R. Hinton, G. P. Lammert, E. J. R. Mitchell, J. N. Owen, H. V. Parker, G. T. Vallack and C. D. Wales.

H.K.O.C. 2nd XI v. "A Naval Side."

In this twelve-side match, on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground to-morrow, commencing at 2.15 p.m., the following will represent the H.K.O.C.:—P. Jacks (capt.), J. C. Dunbar, R. K. Hopburn, R. W. Lee, H. J. V. R. Stevenson, M. M. Watson, J. D. Crawford, C. Gahagan, F. H. Jones, B. J. Stanesby, D. A. Rushton, and J. E. Way.

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FOOTBALL.

HONG KONG CLUB RESERVES v. CHINA ATHLETIC "B."

This match will be played on the Club ground to-morrow, kick-off at 2.45 p.m.

The H.K.F.C. Reserves will be represented by the following:—Slipper, Hill (captain) and Purves; Vickers, Brown and Panchon; Bell, Thompson, Campbell, Johnston and White. Reserves: Mitchell, Howell, Trambitaky, King and Ross.

South China v. R.A.

In the match South China v. the R.A. at Sookunpoo, which takes place at 4.15 p.m. on Saturday, the following will represent South China:—Lau Hing Cheong; Li Tin Sang and Chan So (captain); Tin Yuk On, Fung Man Kit and Cheung Wing Sing; Chu Kwong Yeung, Leung Wing Tak, Fung King Cheong, Ip Buck Wa and Lai Ting Choi.

H.K.F.C. v. Kowloon.

In the match on Saturday, H.K.F.C. v. Kowloon, at Kowloon, commencing at 4.15 p.m., the following have been chosen to play for the Club:—Rodger, Summers and Wallington; McBride, Stewart and Watson; Taylor, Howard, Linnaker, Valentine and Alexander. Reserves: Hanson, Ralton, and Lyon.

Interport Football.

As has been previously mentioned, the annual Interport Football match between Hong Kong and Shanghai is this year to be played at Hong Kong. The match takes place at China New Year, and Messrs. J. A. Quayle, W. T. Bissett and H. F. Marshall (of Shanghai) have been appointed by the Council of the Shanghai Football Association as the Committee to select the Shanghai Interport team.

CHINESE BISHOPS IN ROME.

HISTORIC EVENT.

COMMENT OF ITALIAN PAPERS.

Great interest has been taken in Rome in the arrival of the six prelates from China.

They were given the royal salute on arrival at the station, and the State reception room was placed at their disposal, where many notabilities welcomed them. Most people who watched the little band of Chinese prelates passing up the staircase and through the great bronze doors of the Vatican could not fail, says the *Observer* correspondent, to realise that yet another historic event had been enacted in Rome; but it is reserved for the *Overseas* *Romano* and the *Popolo d'Italia*, organs respectively of the Pope and the Premier, to lay stress on its true significance. "For China it is a unique event, and one of supreme importance for the entire Church of Christ," remarks the *Overseas*. "In the year 1682 was founded 'La Sacra Congregazione d. Propaganda Fide,' which carried out the policy of the Roman Catholic Church in the East of preparing an indigenous clergy to assume high ecclesiastical office whenever possible. Three hundred years later Monsignor Costantini was sent as Apostolic Delegate to Peking, and after four years of wise and patient labour he has been able to mitigate native mistrust, especially among the educated classes, who only saw in missionary work political influences working in favour of European nations."

HOME FOOTBALL.

SECOND DIVISION RESULT.

(THROUGH REVUE'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, November 24th.
Playing in the Second Division of the English League, Portsmouth drew with Clapton Orient, one goal all.

THE FIRST INSTALMENT.

OVER 4,000 STRIKERS RECEIVE \$10.

CANTON WATER WORKS TAKEN OVER BY KUOMINTANG.

"NEGOTIATIONS" WITH BANDITS.

During the first three days for granting a dole to Hong Kong Chinese strikers who are still unemployed in Canton, some 4,619 received \$10 each. This is the first instalment of \$100 which was promised when the boycott was terminated.

The Executive Commission of the Kuomintang took over the management of the Canton Water Works on November 23rd, notwithstanding a vigorous protest from the shareholders who, however, will eventually be compensated. The reason given for the Municipality assuming control of the city's water plant is that it has failed to provide efficient service to the public, a charge, of course, which the water authorities have denied.

The shareholders contend that they have paid for the franchise which must be regarded as a contract between the Corporation and the Government and that the Municipality has acted arbitrarily in this matter. "Anti-Reds" naturally consider the action "Bolshevistic." Others justify the Kuomintang. They argue that the Kuomintang are the leaders of a revolutionary movement and revolutionists may, if they are able to do so, revoke all actions of previous administrations.

Negotiations now being carried on between Kuomintang agents in Tsengshin and the bandits and pirates dominating that portion of the East River "are progressing smoothly," and it is hoped that the outlaws there will reduce the tribute now exacted from every passing firewood junk. Lately the bandits controlled by Yuan Hah Kau and other chiefs at Tsengshin have charged as much as \$40 tribute for every junk, and this has raised the price of firewood in Canton to \$2.20 and \$2.40 a picul.

Agreement has not yet been reached regarding details in the settlement of the dispute in the rice trade and the workmen are again threatening "reprisals." The hardest question to settle appears to be the ownership of rice which has fallen on the floor while being milled or handled. The workmen insist that rice gathered up from the floor should go to them, while the proprietors argue that if such was the rule, every workman might be careless or malicious enough to drop the whole bag on the floor, and the labour union interested would get the benefit, while the employer would suffer. The question of "off days" is also leading to argument. The workmen are asking for double wages on holidays and regular "off days," one day a week. To let a workman out once a week is now a generally accepted rule, but since the Kuomintang have recognised Soviet holidays, nearly one day out of every four in Canton is a holiday and the employers do not see their way to pay double wages so often. They have agreed to add 30 per cent. to present wages.

THE CHINESE TARIFF.

BRITAIN'S NEGATIVE POLICY.

VIEWS OF A LANCASHIRE MANUFACTURER.

Sir Edwin Stockton makes an interesting suggestion in a letter to *The Times*. He says: As one keenly interested in the prosperity of the British export trade in textiles to China, I view with a good deal of apprehension the negative policy with regard to the revision of the so-called Interim Tariff. This, as most people know, was intended to give the Chinese Government sufficient funds to meet more or less emergency outlay prior to her recovery of economic freedom. No one is anxious to suggest any increase of duties; but what is happening? Canton, to all intents and purposes, has imposed such a duty, apparently with British consent. Shantung is going to do the same, and, according to reports, every province in China will, sooner or later, follow suit. We shall thus be compelled to recognise a state of affairs to which we might have given our approval before being forced to recognise it. Lancashire trade will not be helped either by the Chinese provinces imposing more or less what increases of duties they prefer or by our refusal to adopt voluntarily a policy which we may be compelled to accept because we cannot help ourselves. I suggest, therefore, that the Government of the day might very well consider whether, so far as this country at all events is concerned, they will not recognise the desirability of at least clearing up this one issue. It will be a sign of good will, and although Lancashire will not be anxious for any further burdens on commerce, it cannot, I imagine, fail to understand that those burdens to which we consent may be a good deal less onerous than those which we may be compelled to recognise.

SHAUKIWAN MURDER CASE.

VICTIM KILLED WITH AXE.

DEFENDANT'S DISAPPOINTED LOVE AFFAIR.

Alleged to have murdered a room-mate at the Tung On shipbuilding yard at Shaukwan on October 18th, a Chinese cook was brought before Major C. Wilson, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Whyte-Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution, and the prisoner was not represented.

Outlining the case for the prosecution, Mr. Whyte-Smith said that the scene of the alleged murder was in a two storied hut in the yard of the Tung On Shipbuilding Company at Shaukwan, where defendant was employed as a cook. The deceased man was a carpenter in the employ of the same company, and slept on the same floor as the prisoner.

On the night of the alleged murder, prisoner was given \$1.50 by his master to purchase food. He also asked for an advance of \$3 but that was not given him. Prisoner was alleged to have visited a cooked food stall, which he was in the habit of frequenting. At the stall, he was said to have asked for thirty cents' worth of cooked chicken, and producing a bottle of Chinese wine, had asked for the loan of a bowl to drink from. Later he returned to the hut, with purchases, and went to sleep at about 9 p.m. The deceased and others were already asleep. Sometime later, prisoner was said to have roused one of the room-mates and complained to him of pain in the abdomen, and asked for some Chinese medicine. At about midnight, a coolie who slept on the floor, said that he was awakened, and saw prisoner bending over the deceased with an axe in his hand.

The house was then roused and the police sent for, but before they could arrive on the scene the wounded man was dead. Defendant at the time appeared to be in a dazed condition and smelt strongly of wine. Otherwise he was quite rational.

A Motiveless Crime.

Mr. Whyte-Smith further stated that as far as could be ascertained the deceased man had no quarrel with the prisoner, and in order to find out the mental condition of the accused, an investigation had been made into his family history. He was said to have had an attack of fever in May last, and also suffered disappointment in a love affair. He wanted to marry a girl and had offered \$230 to her mother as "engagement money," but the amount was considered insufficient, and the girl was betrothed to another man. Apart from these incidents there was nothing which could have caused any mental derangement.

Evidence of the post-mortem examination held on the deceased was given by Dr. Craig, who said that the dead man had three severe gashes on the face. There were no other marks on the body. Other evidence were also taken and the case was adjourned.

CANTONESE STUDENTS IN MOSCOW.

TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT. ARE CHINESE GIRLS.

VISIT TO THE SUN YAT SEN UNIVERSITY.

Mr. John McCook Roots, son of Bishop Roots, of Hankow, for some time one of the secretaries of the Chinese National Christian Council, arrived in London on October 13th.

In Moscow, where Mr. Roots found himself held up for three weeks, as his passport and notes had been stolen, he paid a visit to the Sun Yat Sen University. "At present," he said, "there are 400 students there. At the end of the year there will have risen to 700, and next year it is expected to be 1,000. Twenty-five per cent. are Chinese girls. They study history, economics, and geography, but no science or philosophy. Karl Radek is the principal. They are impressed with the inevitability of the class struggle, but nevertheless seem to be somewhat detached in outlook, and are not necessarily becoming wholeheartedly Bolshevik. One of them said to me, 'Why don't you Americans get rid of the treaties and give us a programme as Russia has done? This is all we want.'" It was Mr. Roots' opinion that until British and American business interests insist on the Government's concern doing this, "Christianity in China will go pottering round," as far as missionary work is concerned, for the country will pay little attention to this foreign religion. "In the future, too," he said, "it is only the very best missionaries who will be able to do any good there."

DEAD MAN'S BONES.

EXHIBITED AT MURDER TRIAL.

THE WESTERN MARKET FRACAS.

During the resumed hearing of the murder trial, known as the Western market case, yesterday at the Criminal Sessions before Sir Henry Gollan, the Chief Justice, Dr. E. P. Minnet (the Government Bacteriologist) gave evidence as to his examination of the exhumed body of one of the victims, and produced three bones from the deceased's body.

In evidence Dr. Minnet said that when exhumed the body was in an advanced state of decomposition and it was impossible to recognise the features. It had, however, been recognised by the string used in the mortuary for sewing up bodies.

Replying to Mr. A. Dyer Ball, who was for the Crown, witness said that certain marks on the bones might have been produced by the dagger found on the accused. It was shown that the point of the dagger was now turned but witness said that the wound could have been caused even if the dagger was in the same state then.

Questioned by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (for the defence), Dr. Minnet said that he knew nothing about steel.

Mr. Fitzroy: Can you say if it is possible for the infliction of a severe wound on the shoulder blade, such as the prisoner bears marks of, to cause loss of memory?

Witness (after examining the large scar on the prisoner's shoulder): I cannot say. It might or it might not.

Evidence was also given by two men who had seen the fight. One said that there were three men, all armed, who began the attack. The case was adjourned.

CHARGE AGAINST A POLICE WHARF SEARCHER.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

POLICE METHODS CRITICISED.

When Wong Cho Ming, a police wharf searcher, was brought, on remand, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, on a charge of obtaining \$6.50, without authority, from a passenger of the tow boat from Taipei, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., who appeared for the defendant, criticised the manner in which the identification parade was held.

It was stated that two identifying witnesses were allowed in the same room together and peeped through a hole at the row of men lined up for identification. One of the witnesses was alleged to have said that the offender was a man "who was standing with his legs apart," and another witness said that "the man with thick lips, is the man." Neither of the witnesses, Counsel alleged, came forward to point out their man, and it was not until Chief Detective Murphy touched the defendant that these witnesses said he was the man. Further, the prisoners were said to have been paraded with their uniforms and their numbers on. Mr. Alabaster further stated that it was a fact that the witnesses had been given, or had known, the number of the man whom they were asked to identify.

The defence, begun by Mr. d'Almada at a previous hearing, was taken up by Mr. Alabaster, who said that there was no evidence to show that the defendant had received the money. He proceeded to review the evidence on this point.

The evidence, in brief, amounted to a raid carried out by police officers at the living quarters of the wharf searchers, and that certain pieces of paper containing money were found, which two witnesses now stated were received by defendant from a passenger of the tow boat from Taipei.

The pieces of paper, Mr. Alabaster pointed out, were not found in defendant's room, and certainly not in defendant's bed. In view of what Sergt. Kellett had said to the effect that when he entered the room he saw two of the men hide something under the bed clothes, it would, therefore, be just as reasonable an inference as any which the prosecution could draw that the "something" was the three pieces of paper. Furthermore, continued Mr. Alabaster, the defendant was not in the room when the raid was carried out, and therefore, "he was not the man who hid those papers."

His Worship concurred with this point, but said that the prosecution had brought forward sufficient evidence to lead a jury to believe that the money was paid as a gratuity.

The case, at this stage, was adjourned till the afternoon, in order to enable the defence to produce two material witnesses. His Worship directed the police to give every assistance in finding these two men.

At the afternoon session, after further evidence had been taken, the case was again adjourned.

DOLLAR LINER ARRIVES.

MUCH FREIGHT ON "PRESIDENT TAFT."

"WHO'S WHO" OF THE PASSENGERS.

The *a.s. President Taft* (Dollar Line) arrived in port yesterday morning from San Francisco, Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai, with Captain C. M. Cochrane in command. The liner brought 85 cabin and 457 steerage passengers, and 4,781 tons of cargo. Disembarking here were 39 cabin, and 258 steerage passengers, and 1,304 tons of general cargo were for local discharge. There were 600 bags of mail for Hong Kong, including 28 bags of papers from Home via Siberia, and 19 bags of letters and papers from Germany via the same route; she also discharged here a number of bags of mail for New Zealand.

The voyage from San Francisco to Hong Kong was an ideal one in every respect. The weather was calm during the entire trip, and the happy passengers enjoyed every day of it with games, dancing, etc. The *President Taft* sails for Manila to-day at 3 p.m., returns from that port on December 3rd, and sails for San Francisco from here on December 5th at 10 a.m.

To-morrow afternoon, about four o'clock, the *a.s. President Madison* (Admiral Oriental Line) is due from Seattle via ports, with passengers, freight and mails from U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai. The *Jackson*, which sails for Manila on Sunday at 3 p.m., is due back here on December 5th, and will leave for the States again on December 6th at 3 p.m.

Passengers on the "Taft."

Among the passengers arriving on the *President Taft* were the following:—

Mr. Donald Steel, Mining Engineer of the Yukon Gold Company, Kuala Lumpur. Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McClellan. Mr. McClellan is traffic manager of the Radio Corporation of the Philippines, en route to Manila.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Thornton, bride and bridegroom, en route to Manila where Mr. Thornton is connected with the Standard Oil Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Simmie, en route to Manila, P.I.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frazier. Mr. Frazier is American Consul-General from Washington, D.C., inspecting foreign service of the world.

Mr. Robert Taylor, of the Standard Oil Co., en route to Manila, P.I.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. A. Palmer and family. Mr. Palmer is a railway manager and representative of J. G. White Engineering Corporation, New York.

Miss Delphine Bradt, artist of San Francisco, en route to Manila where she is going to be married.

Lt.-Col. R. A. Duchesne Ford, A.D.C. to the Governor-General of the P.I. returning to Manila after conducting a survey of the Filipino labour situation in the Islands.

Admiral and Mrs. Wm. H. G. Bullard, of the U.S.N., en route to Manila, P.I.

Among the passengers who will leave the *President Taft* to-day for Manila will be several families of officers of the U.S.S. *Huron*, which with Admiral Williams on board will be leaving for Manila this week-end.

HOME MAILS TO-DAY.

THE LAST XMAS MAIL FOR HOME.

CHRISTMAS MAILS FOR THE STATES AND CANADA.

Originally timed to arrive to-day, the P. & O. *a.s. Macedonia*, bringing the Home mails (letters and papers, London, October 25th, and parcels of October 21st) via Suez, arrived late yesterday afternoon, ahead of her time. She berthed at the Kowloon wharves, and the mail was landed and taken to the G.P.O. Owing to the late hour, it was not sorted last evening, but will be attended to this morning, and will be ready for delivery and collection from Post Office boxes at an early hour. The steamer brought a fairly heavy mail, but exact figures were not available.

Another Home mail, via Siberia, is also due to-day by the P. & O. *a.s. Karmala*, which will also carry the outward Home mail to-morrow, this mail (letters) closing at 10.30 a.m.

The last opportunity for sending Christmas greetings Home will be next Monday. This mail, which closes at the G.P.O. at 10.30 a.m., will be despatched by the *a.s. Suwa Maru*, and will be forwarded from Shanghai to the United Kingdom via Siberia. The mail is due to reach London on or about December 20th.

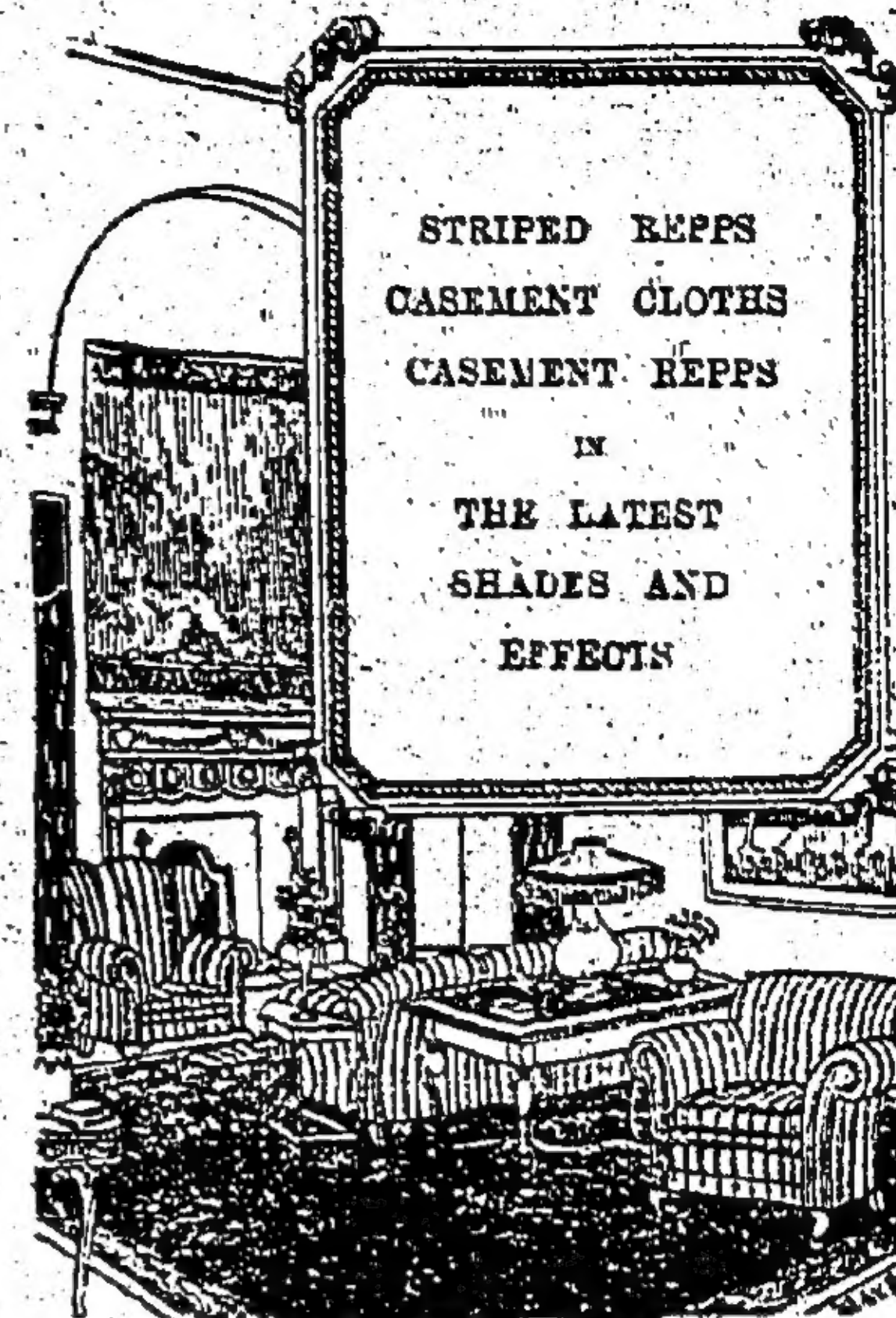
The Christmas parcel and letter mail for Canada and the United States was originally to close on Wednesday and yesterday, but as the *a.s. Proteus*, on which this mail is being carried, is not sailing until to-day, the time was extended. The parcel mail closed last evening at five o'clock, and the registered and letter mail now closes this morning at 9.45 and 10.30, respectively. These mails are due in Victoria, B.C., on December 22nd.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that His Honour the Chief Justice will hear an Application to appoint the OFFICIAL RECEIVER as Liquidator at 10.30 A.M. on SATURDAY, the 27th day of DECEMBER, 1926, in Court.

Dated the 24th day of November, 1926.

D. W. TRATMAN,

Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

IN LIQUIDATION

No. 4 of 1926.

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HOTEL Co., Ltd.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Supreme Court of Hong Kong has in accordance with Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the Time for Sending in Claims against the above Estate to the 24th day of DECEMBER, 1926.

Dated 28th day of November, 1926.

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NOTICE.

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for the reasons that they are not now practising locally and have left the Colony.
Any objection to the Removal of the above Names should be addressed to the Clerk of Councils and must be Received within Four Months of this Date.

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CHINA AND U.S.A.

It is strange that the nation which is exercising the most pronounced influence on China at the present moment is the United States of America. It is the impact of the latest form of civilisation on the oldest, the influence of a nation scarcely yet established on one which has been fixed and set for the last two thousand years. It is the contact of a philosophy and a national outlook which are not yet stabilised with that which hitherto has desired no change.

As in the old Euclid every new problem had to be solved by axioms and theorems which had preceded, so the Chinese have sought the solution of their difficulties by reference to the tenets of Confucius, and the axioms established by tradition. China has always looked backward, never forward. Every new movement has grown from the roots of the past; whatever was not in direct historical succession has been first suspected and then rejected. Such profound reverence for tradition and past history is found in no other nation, least of all in U.S.A.

By virtue of her geographical position, her recently acquired wealth, her interests in the Philippines, and in Hawaii, U.S.A. possesses the predominating position, culturally, in China. Her missionaries and educational institutions are spread throughout North China, and are now paramount. Through these agencies the culture of America filters, and leads a steady stream of advanced Chinese students across the Pacific to complete their higher studies in her home universities. Thence China derives those vital doctrines which are in such violent contrast with her own.

The spirit of America looks forward, never backward. Her history is brief, but full of incident, because the past has not been allowed to interfere with the present. It is the spirit of the pioneer, or the frontiersman, which is ever contriving to dominate a new environment. Always there is experiment and change.

A healthy dissatisfaction with what is, and a striving to improve a material condition which is already the envy of other nations, are the mental occupation of the American people. There is not the slightest hesitation in scrapping the old in favour of the new if it is thought greater efficiency can thereby be gained. Former generations of Chinese decided that the pursuit of happiness through material improvement was like chasing a will-o'-the-wisp and the effort was abandoned some thousand or more years ago. It is safe to say that no other civilised community has been content to submit to such physical discomfort as the Chinese. Long ago, apparently they discovered the truth that there is no finality in the matter of physical comfort, and agreed that the spirit of contemplation and meditation on things abstract were likely to be more satisfying.

Such being the main aspects of the two nations it is not surprising that there is bewilderment and inability on the part of those Chinese, infected with the new ideas to fit themselves in with those who cleave to the ancient tradition, for no two attitudes could be harder to reconcile or harmonise. At the present moment these fundamental divergent views are to a certain extent masked in China and a specious unity is, more or less being achieved by appealing to a common factor—hatred of the foreigner. When this has exhausted itself, as it surely must, then the internal struggle between those who cling to the past—the conservative element—and the modern revolutionary forces will begin in earnest. The result will not be decided by pitched battles but by subtler and more intangible forces.

The quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Hoihow on account of cholera have been withdrawn.

During the 24 hours ended November 24th one Chinese case of diphtheria and one Chinese case of enteric fever were notified.

The second and final practice dance for St. Andrew's Ball, which takes place next Tuesday night, will be held at the City Hall from 5.7 p.m. to-night.

The farewell dinner, given at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club last evening to Rear-Admiral A. J. B. Stirling, C.B., R.N., was of a private nature.

In honour of Dr. John Allison, late headmaster of George Watson's College, "Watsonians" in Hong Kong are to meet at dinner in the Hong Kong Hotel to-night.

The amount of loot taken by the pirates, who attacked the *Wai Hoi* on which the Maryknoll Sisters were travelling from Kowloon to Yungkong, is estimated at \$90,000.

Mr. W. Cameron Forbes, ex-Governor General of the Philippines, arrived in Hong Kong by the *s.s. President Taft*. He is breaking his journey here before proceeding on a visit to Manila.

A Chinese coolie was fined \$14 with the alternative of 14 days' hard labour at the Central Magistracy yesterday for hawking without a licence. He had been convicted upon seven previous occasions.

While on her way from the China Station to Plymouth the cruiser *Durban* had her topmast carried away when off the coast of Portugal. The accident occurred on October 21st. No one was injured.

A social gathering, to which a cordial welcome is extended to all Service men and others, is to be held in St. John's Cathedral Hall after evening on Sunday. There will be music and light refreshments.

The annual aquatic sports of the China Squadron will be held to-day at the Victoria Recreation Club. An interesting event in an attractive programme is a one hundred yards race, "free style," open to the Colony.

The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on October 22nd:—Sub-Lieut. E. W. Howard-Crook, to Despatch, add.; and C. H. de B. Newby, to Vindictive (November 2nd). The following appointment was made by the Admiralty on October 28th.—W. C. Cox, to *Hawkins* (December 10th).

In succession to Paymaster-Lieutenant E. D. T. Churcher, Paymaster-Commander Henry Rogers, O.B.E., has been appointed Secretary to the Commodore-in-Hong Kong; and Paymaster-Lieutenant A. T. Phillips, after three years on the Admiral's staff at Devonport, has been selected for duty in the Commodore's office.

Booking for the Philharmonic Society's production of "The Pirates of Penzance" to be given at the Theatre Royal on December 10th, 11th, 13th, 17th and 18th at 9.15 p.m., and at a matinee on Wednesday, December 15th, at 4.30 p.m., opens at Anderson's on Monday next. At a recent meeting of the Society it was decided to produce H.M.S. *Pinafore* next April.

The Secretary of State may ordain (as he has just done) that the official spelling of Hongkong should be "Hong Kong," but this, says the *Mercantile Guardian*, will not alter the almost universal custom of spelling it in one word. If we are to be official and consistent, let us also write Shang Hai, Tien Tsin, Kowloon, Pe King, etc.—and we might add Yang Tze Kiang.

The Royal decrees regulating the stabilisation in Belgium having been published, the Belgian currency will, in future, only be quoted as "Change in Belgas." All remittance through Belgian Consulates abroad will also be made in belgas which is going to be the currency used in business transactions with foreign countries. The last quotation was 34.87 belgas to the pound sterling.

A small outbreak of fire occurred at West Point late on Wednesday night. It appears that there was an escape of gas in a lamp at Lai Po Lung Terrace, near Belcher Street, and some piping was destroyed. One appliance from Kennedy Town and two from the Central Fire Station turned out at eleven o'clock, but were able to return to their respective stations within a very short space of time.

Among the passengers arriving for Hongkong on the P. & O. *s.s. Macedonia* yesterday afternoon were—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Bird, Miss Bird, Mr. C. H. Arnot, Mrs. G. F. Brearley, Mrs. A. H. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Blake, Mrs. W. A. Eustace, Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Harston, Misses E. and B. Harston, Mrs. J. McLennan, Mr. G. Macleod, Mrs. J. H. Macleod, Master J. H. Macleod; Master G. R. Macleod, Mr. and Mrs. J. Massey, Mr. W. Macleod, Rev. J. E. Rigg, and Capt. A. J. Scott.

After having been before the Court for a month, during which time over forty witnesses have been called by the prosecution, the *Sai Kung* piracy and murder case has now been concluded at the Kowloon Magistracy. The five defendants have been committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions on charges of murdering an Indian guard of the steam launch *Sai Kung* and with committing piracy on the launch, which was on her way from the Sai Kung district to Hong Kong on September 13th.

Several thousand dollars' worth of jewellery and cash were stolen by a gang of armed robbers who raided a Chinese house at 231, Park Road, Shanghai, on November 11th. The exact amount stolen has not yet been estimated. Four men took part in the raid, and only one carried a pistol. They held up the occupants and broke open a box containing valuable silver. Another gang raided 288, Sinza Road, early on November 12th and stole jewellery worth \$200. Another gang raided 1081, Ward Road, and stole \$15 and three men robbed a house off Nanking Road and stole \$28.

Rubber Propaganda: "Erica—Meet me to-night. Irving Lecture on 'Rubber's 38,000 Uses.' Couldn't have believed it, until I saw at Inventions Exhibition this week how essential Rubber now is in every industry and for every workaday job in home or factory. Wonderful! not the word—Gerald."—Agony column. Another from the same column:—"Sylvia—My dear—the very latest! Transparent Silk-Rubber Overstockings, weight 2 oz., they go in your handbag; complete protection from mud and rain; equal in appearance to silk stockings—and they clean with a sponge; efficiency without inelegance; either buttons or slip-over.—Bunnie."

A Chinese appeared yesterday before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the Kowloon Magistracy charged with taking letters out of the Colony without stamps. Through lack of sufficient evidence, Mr. Nihill discharged defendant.

In describing an opium raid to Mr. Lindsell in the Police Court yesterday, Senior Revenue Officer C. Watt said that the drug was found concealed in a ceiling crevice. The defendant, did not appear and forfeited his bail of \$100.

Mr. J. L. Geldart was fined \$8 by Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, for allowing his dog abroad without a muzzle. The defendant was fined in May for a similar offence. His excuse was that he thought that the muzzling order was not being observed as strictly as formerly.

The forthcoming weddings are announced:—Mr. Harold Aubrey Pearson, merchant, No. 663, Avenue Joffre, Shanghai to Miss Irene May Lester, "St. Leonard's, Sussex, England; and Capt. Vivian Russell Wright Neville, 5/3 Punjab Regt., Kowloon, to Miss Gwenette Matilda Fredrica North, residing at the Kingsclere Hotel, Kowloon.

The second of the series of lectures arranged for the winter season in connection with the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hong Kong is to be given next Monday evening, commencing at 5.45. The subject of the lecture for this occasion is "Radio," and it will be delivered by Mr. A. J. Chesterton (member), assisted by Mr. G. F. Taylor (member). A feature of the lecture will be practical demonstrations. As on a recent occasion, when there was an interesting and very successful lecture on "The Ship," members and friends (including ladies) are cordially invited to be present. Mr. L. J. Blackburn (vice-president) will preside.

AMERICAN WEDDING.

SOMMERS—SAFFOLD.

CEREMONY AT THE UNION CHURCH.

A pretty wedding took place at the Union Church yesterday when Dr. Hilmar E. Sommers was married to Miss Ethel Saffold, daughter of the late Dr. James Phillips Saffold, of Washington, D.C. The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald officiated.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. R. C. Tredwell, American Consul-General in Hong Kong, was charmingly dressed in dark green silk crepe. She was attended by Miss Olga Dürschmidt, as bridesmaid, who was dressed in pink georgette.

Dr. Cyril H. Burton acted as "best man." Dr. and Mrs. Sommers will make their home at Repulse Bay Hotel.

THE BRITISH MINISTER.

ARRIVES IN THE COLONY.

The P. & O. *s.s. Macedonia* arrived in port late yesterday afternoon, a few hours ahead of her scheduled time. A distinguished passenger on board was Mr. Miles Lampson, formerly head of the Central European Department of the Foreign Office, and appointed on September 7th as British Minister to China. Mr. Lampson succeeds Sir Ronald Macleay in Peking. Capt. C. A. Steele, M.C., A.D.C., acting on behalf of H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) met the new Minister on the arrival of the steamer.

U.S. ADMIRAL ENTERTAINED.

RECEPTION AT AMERICAN CLUB.

A pleasant event took place at the American Club on Wednesday afternoon when a reception was given by the American members of the Club to Admiral C. S. Williams of the U.S.S. *Huron*, flagship of the Asiatic Squadron. There were about sixty people present, among whom, in addition to Admiral and Mrs. Williams, were the Admiral's staff with their ladies, the officers of the U.S.S. *Huron* and *Pampango*, Mr. B. C. Tredwell, the United States Consul-General at Hong Kong, and many prominent local Americans. The reception was very informal. After tea had been served, dance music was supplied by the Brunswick Orchestra, dancing being continued until 7.30.

NORTHERN SITUATION.

FIGHTING AT HANGCHOW.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, November 25th.

It is reported that fighting broke out in Hangchow to-day between the troops of the Civil Governor Chen Yi and those formerly commanded by General Hsia Chao.

Report Unconfirmed.

LATER.

The report of fighting at Hangchow, which hitherto has not been confirmed, appears to be very insubstantial, especially as the railway service has not been discontinued.

THE "SUNNING" PIRACY.

QUESTION IN COMMONS.

LONDON, November 24th.

In the House of Commons, during question time, after Sir Austen Chamberlain had given an account of the attack on the steamer *Sunning*, Capt. J. G. Fairfax (Conservative member for Norwich) asked whether these incidents were not becoming increasingly frequent and whether the attack was made by pirates or under any organised Chinese authority.

Sir Austen Chamberlain agreed that acts of piracy were unhappily frequent and declared that this was undoubtedly an act of piracy by pirates and should not be confused with any action by the Chinese Government.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

BRITISH AND GERMAN INDUSTRIES.

IMPORTANT FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE.

RUGBY, November 25th.

The federation of British industries has issued a statement regarding the forthcoming meeting of its representatives with those of the Reichsverband der Deutsche Industrie to be held early next month. The statement says the meeting is unconnected with the recent conference at Rome, but is the outcome of an arrangement made last summer, and is a natural and logical development from the friendly relations which have existed between the two organisations for some time.

The meeting will be largely exploratory in character, the principal object being to discuss in what degree and in what manner the two organisations which are each representative of the whole of the industries of their respective countries can co-operate for the furtherance of the mutual interests of those industries. Suggestions for limiting extravagant competition in European tariffs will probably be considered. It is anticipated that the German representatives will desire to discuss some of the economic questions coming before the League of Nations' Economic Conference next May.

HEAVY FOGS IN BRITAIN.

SERIOUS RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

RUGBY, November 25th.

Widespread fog prevailed throughout Britain yesterday and to-day and necessitated the lighting of street lamps and flares. Transport was greatly impeded on the roads and railways, and river and seaboard traffic suffered delay. Several accidents have occurred, but there has been no loss of life attributable to the fog.

The most serious accident was a railway collision between two passenger trains to Southend. They were travelling slowly and although many passengers suffered minor injuries only two were detained in hospital.

74,000 GUINEAS FOR PICTURE.

PRICE RECORDS AT AUCTION.

RUGBY, November 25th.

About £435,000 was realised yesterday at the second day of the sale of the late Lord Michelham's collection of art treasures, nearly all of it being paid for fifteen pictures. The total and also the price of 74,000 guineas paid for Lawrence's "Pinkie" both constitute auction records.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE RESULTS.

FAVOURABLE COMMENT IN DOMINIONS.

ULSTER AND KING'S TITLE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, November 25th.

The results of the Imperial Conference are the subject of favourable comment in the Dominions. Attention is particularly directed to the document in which the Conference recorded its views as to the relationship existing between the various parts of the Empire, and telegrams from overseas indicate that such changes as are proposed are generally speaking regarded as wise and inevitable.

The details of the methods whereby closer communication between the Government in Britain and the Dominions is to be maintained was left by the Conference for subsequent settlement, but Mr. Coates, the New Zealand Premier, stated yesterday that proposals would be at once considered for improving contact between New Zealand and the Home Government, the idea being to have more direct and personal communication. He hoped that a system would also be inaugurated by which there could be an interchange of views and outlook between sister Dominions.

Northern Ireland Unaffected.

In order to discuss the effect of the change in the King's title, a deputation from Northern Ireland, including its Prime Minister, Sir James Craig, waited on the Home Secretary yesterday. A communiqué issued later stated that the change proposed "will not affect in any way the existing constitutional position on Northern Ireland either in relation to Great Britain or in relation to the Free State. The proposed title makes no effort to define the various political units composing the Empire. It is a descriptive title on geographical and not on political lines of the territories of which His Majesty is King. The term Ireland, like other terms in the proposed title, has a geographical significance only, and the use of that term in no way affects the distinction between the Free State and Northern Ireland and constitutional entities, the Free State having Dominion Status and Northern Ireland being represented in the same Parliament as Great Britain, and being subject in many matters to the same legislative and executive authorities as Great Britain.

FOREIGN SECRETARIES TO MEET.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND EUROPEAN PEACE.

RUGBY, November 24th.

Sir Austen Chamberlain will break his journey in Paris when in eight days' time he leaves London to attend the meeting of the League Council which opens in Geneva on December 6th. The Foreign Secretary will spend two days in the French Capital and will have an opportunity for discussing current European problems with M. Briand. It is expected that the presence of Dr. Stresemann in Geneva for the Council meetings will give further opportunity for renewing with the German Foreign Minister personal contact and friendly discussions. Lord Cecil will represent Great Britain at the Committee of the Council which meets on December 1st to consider various questions relating to Article 16 of the Covenant. The Committee will be mainly concerned with examining the French proposals on this subject which were put before the preparatory commission on disarmament last Spring.

GERMANY AND DISARMAMENT.

RUGBY, November 24th.

Interest in the European situation was shown yesterday in the House of Commons when Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked by Sir William Davidson what was the existing position as regards disarmament in Germany in accordance with Treaty of Versailles. The Foreign Secretary replied that there were still a certain number of points outstanding, and negotiations were proceeding between the Allied Military Mission of Control and the German Government. Sir William Davidson further asked whether Sir Austen's attention had been drawn to certain passages in the 1926 edition of the Reichswehr Manual of Instruction which reflected upon the Treaty of Versailles and which showed that the German Government were not really carrying out the spirit and intentions of the Treaty.

Sir A. Chamberlain replied that his attention had been called to these passages. He understood that when the attention of the German Government was drawn to the matter the manual was withdrawn from circulation and no further copies of it would be issued.

COAL DISPUTE.

TWO BIG DISTRICTS HOLD OUT.

RESTRICTIONS BEING WITHDRAWN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, November 24th.

South Wales and Northumberland, Durham and Cumberland are providing the two most die-hard coalfields in the matter of the settlement. While the making of an agreement is under way in most other districts, the Northumberland miners' group has rejected the owners' tentative terms and a complete deadlock has been reached in South Wales. It is noteworthy that these are not only the largest colliery groups but show the lowest proportion of defections. At present only 34,000 out of 216,000 have resumed in South Wales, and 35,000 out of 300,000 have resumed in Northumberland.

Restrictions Relaxed.

LONDON, November 24th.

The rapidly increasing production of coal, which is now 2,000,000 tons per week, was the subject of a statement by Col. R. G. Lane-Fox in the House of Commons that practically all restrictions on the movement and employment of coal were being withdrawn almost immediately, except those on Government export.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

COAL RESTRICTIONS WITHDRAWN.

10,000 MORE STRIKERS AT WORK.

RUGBY, November 24th.

Colonel Lane Fox, Secretary for Mines, announced in the House of Commons the relaxation of coal restrictions. Although supplies were still far short of normal demand the output was steadily increasing and the time had come when practically all restrictions, except that which prohibited the export of coal, ought to be withdrawn and freedom restored to consumer and trader.

Restrictions on gas and electricity for light and heating power would be withdrawn as from November 25th. Restrictions on domestic consumption of coal would be continued only to the end of the present week.

As from November 25th, also, collieries would be given freedom to dispose of coal as they pleased in this country. About 10,970 more miners are at work to-day (November 24th), bringing the total to 421,478.

DEATH OF KRASSIN.

SIR A. CHAMBERLAIN'S TRIBUTE.

THE SOVIET PROPAGANDA PROBLEM.

RUGBY, November 24th.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, in the House of Commons to-day, expressed his regret at the death of M. Krassin, Soviet Charge d'Affaires in London.

Replying to a question about the open and continued breaches by the Russian Soviet Republic of the trade agreement with Great Britain, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that he had recently once more made it clear to M. Krassin that the propaganda carried on by Russia was the principal obstacle against any improved relations between the two countries. British newspapers in their obituary notices of M. Krassin appreciate his efforts to put his country's relations with Britain on a better footing. It is pointed out that while M. Krassin was doing his best in this direction his endeavours were doomed to failure while Russian money was coming to England for the miners to help one side in an internal industrial dispute.

BRITISH AND EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENTS.

RUGBY, November 24th.

Replying to a question as to the policy of the British Government in Egypt Sir A. Chamberlain said that this was unchanged. He had noticed with pleasure a reference to Anglo-Egyptian relations in a speech from the Throne at the opening of the Egyptian Parliament last week in which it was declared that support of the British Government was assured in furthering a policy of friendship and co-operation to the common interests of the two countries.

GENERAL HERTZOG LEAVES.

RUGBY, November 24th.

General Hertzog, the South African Premier, left London to-day on his return to South Africa. Mr. L. S. Amery, Colonial Secretary, saw him off at Victoria Station. General Hertzog declared to Press representatives that "the labours and results of the Imperial Conference may be looked upon as satisfactory from every point of view. What has been done can be productive only of good and harmony in future."

U.S. FLIGHT TO COLON.

BOTH PLANES MAKE FORCED LANDING.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, November 25th.

Both the seaplanes flying to Colon on a 2,300 mile flight had to make forced landings: one came down at Isle of Pines, Cuba, as petrol was exhausted, while the other was forced to descend owing to engine trouble in the Caribbean Sea, where it was found by a cruiser 213 miles south of Isle of Pines.

Former Record Unbeaten.

LATER.

The navy's attempt to beat the non-stop long distance seaplane record is therefore unsuccessful. The planes were endeavouring to reach Colon, a distance of 2,000 miles. The previous record was 1,841 miles, established by the late Commander Rodgers last year from the Pacific coast to Hawaii.

One seaplane is now being towed to Colon by the cruiser *Cincinnati*, and the second is continuing its flight from Isle of Pines after refuelling.

U.S. AND MEXICO.

SENATOR BORAH'S STATEMENT.

Senator Borah is of the opinion that there will be no rupture in American-Mexican diplomatic relations. He is unable to find any ultimatum in the correspondence exchanged with the Mexican Government.

RESCUED FROM FLOODED MINE.

ALIVE AFTER 10 DAYS.

New York, November 25th.

A message from Hazleton, Pennsylvania, states that five out of the six miners at Tombocken mine, who were cut off by flooding on the 16th inst., have been found alive.

QUEEN MARIE'S FAREWELL TO AMERICA.

New York, November 25th.

The Queen of Rumania, en route to France on board the *Berengaria*, has broadcast a farewell message saying:—"The Old World and New must help each other. Good-bye, dear, beautiful America."

TO HELP COTTON PRICES.

COTTON BAGS INSTEAD OF JUTE.

New York, November 24th.

Some of the leading southern manufacturers of fertilizer and cotton-seed products have inaugurated a nationwide movement for the use of cotton bags instead of jute for half their products, in order to assist the prices of cotton.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE KING'S TITLE.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGE.

LONDON, November 24th.

The Home Secretary has issued a statement that the proposed change in the King's title in no wise affects the existing constitutional position in relation either to Britain or the Free State. The proposed title does not purport to define the various political units composing the empire, but it is a descriptive title on geographical and not on political lines of the territories of which His Majesty is King. The term "Ireland" like the other terms in the proposed title, has a geographical significance only.

RUBBER EXPORTS.

CEYLON GOVERNMENT'S MEASURES.

LONDON, November 24th.

With reference to the rubber statement, the Colonial Office announces that in the interests of uniformity as between Ceylon and Malaya, respecting the period of validity of the export rights issued after February 1st, 1927, measures are contemplated by the Government of Ceylon, with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, which will provide that such export rights in Ceylon will be valid to the end of the quarter following the quarter in which they are issued, and further, for the validity of export rights issued to small holdings in Ceylon to be exempted from limitation.

AMERICAN STUDENTS ON THE S.S. "RYNDAM."

MR. R. C. HURLEY'S EXPERIENCES.

AN UNSUCCESSFUL ENDEAVOUR TO DO A LITTLE BRITISH PROPAGANDA.

Mr. R. C. Hurley, who was 73 years on

Wednesday, and is still hale and hearty, feels a little aggrieved over the failure of the Hong Kong University authorities to co-operate with him in doing a little useful propaganda work among the American students on the s.s. *Ryndam*.

It has been pointed out to Mr. Hurley that, in all probability, an unsympathetic public will regard his efforts merely as an enterprising, but unsuccessful, venture of a private salesman, but he does not regard the matter in this light. He considers, perhaps rightly, that it would have been for their souls' good if the American students could have had the opportunity of reading a true history of the British administration in Hong Kong. It might, he thinks, have corrected many false impressions, and he attributes the lack of enthusiasm shown by the University authorities to woeful shortsightedness.

Mr. Hurley writes:

To the Editor of the "Hong Kong Daily Press."

Sir,—About a fortnight ago I was notified by my printers that a visit of some 500 American University students with their friends was expected to arrive in Hong Kong on Monday, the 22nd inst. It was also suggested that I should be prepared to supply them with copies of my book, "Picturesque Hong Kong." I took the matter up at once and as a first step called on the Hong Kong University, explained the situation and solicited their assistance.

My belief was that with my book in their hands the visitors would in a few minutes get a general outline of the Colony's history, importance, shopping and sightseeing possibilities which would save considerable valuable time, and help to make their visit interesting. Imagine my surprise when the reply received from the University officials was,—that they had no time nor money to devote to the matter and that they could not assist me in any way.

I then spoke of propaganda values which such an opportunity offered knowing something of the strong and determined anti-British influence which was at work through educational channels, but my appeal fell flat and I left them.

My next venture was with the Agents of the steamer *Ryndam*, where I received every courtesy and kindness with permits to visit the ship.

On Monday morning I went aboard before 9 o'clock to find that everyone was moving shoreward and would not return until lunch time, noon to 2 p.m. I was on board again by 12.30 and was kindly received but told that the Librarian, a lady, Miss Stevens, was the controller of all literature and I should have to see her, but that she was not aboard at the time. She was expected about 5 p.m. At 5 p.m. I was on board again and waited an hour and was then assured that early the next (Tuesday) morning I would be sure to find her at breakfast, but I was warned "not to be late." So on Tuesday morning I was there punctually at 8 a.m., but was again unsuccessful in meeting her. I then explained my position to a young lady showing her a copy of the book which, directly she saw, she purchased, expressing delight with what she had secured. I returned to the boat again at lunch time, as also in the afternoon, but only succeeded in selling one copy of that most interesting book "Picturesque Hong Kong." The American students have left this wonderful British Colony entirely under a misapprehension as to what they had really seen.—Yours faithfully,

R. C. HURLEY.

CDR. MARCONI'S MARRIAGE.

QUESTION OF ANNULMENT.

ROME, November 24th.

It is learned that the Sacred Rota is examining the case for the annulment of the marriage of Cdr. Marconi and his wife whose maiden name was Beatrice O'Brien.

The alleged nullity consists of a condition said to have been agreed to by which they could separate whenever they wished.

According to the canon laws, the Catholic Church considers marriage indissoluble and such a condition nullifies the marriage.

A Diocesan Court at Westminster has already annulled the marriage.

TERRIBLE ALPINE DISASTER.

HOUSEBURY BURIED BY LANDSLIDE.

NICE, November 24th.

It is believed there have been twenty fatalities in a landslide at Roquebilliere, in the Maritime Alps. A score of houses were swallowed up.

LATER.

The number of victims in the landslide at Roquebilliere is now given as twenty five.

"RED LIGHT" SCANDAL IN JAPAN.

PROMINENT POLITICIANS INVOLVED.

SITE FOR A TRANSFERRED "QUARTER."

The red-light district, bribery, fraud and perjury are closely interwoven in recent political developments in Japan, says the *N.Y.C. Daily News*.

In Osaka there is a licensed quarter called "Matsushima," or, Pine Island. When it was first opened years ago, it was an isolated district, but the city has since developed so much that the place has now become a centre of a very busy district. Naturally the citizens felt it desirable to have it removed to a less conspicuous part.

A number of real estate companies saw an opportunity to sell a large tract of land at a fabulous price for when a site is selected and hundreds of houses, restaurants and their allied trades are transplanted to that new area, the value of the property goes up enormously.

It is natural, therefore, that speculators in suburban properties made tremendous efforts to have the Matsushima licensed quarters moved to a site owned by them. Those real estate companies were shrewd enough to see the folly of competition, and they agreed to combine their efforts, and whichever site was selected, to cut the melon equally, each getting his slice.

Politicians' Opportunity.

However, first of all it was necessary to get the Governor of Osaka to issue an order for the removal of the licensed quarter, selecting a suitable site out of a number of lots which were then available.

Then the politicians got busy. They were in need of money for campaign funds and other things. They promised help and they extracted nearly half a million yen from these landowners. This has been going on for some years, but the official sanction to remove the quarter from Osaka was never issued. In the meantime the scandal got thoroughly noised abroad, and the public procurators took the matter in hand. Witness after witness was examined, from the Prime Minister down to gisha girls.

Prime Minister Accused.

Mr. Wakatsuki, the present Prime Minister, seems to have testified to the effect that he held out no immediate hope, while Mr. Minoura, a member of the Government party, an old man highly esteemed for his honesty and integrity, charged with extracting money on a fraudulent pretext, now charges the Premier with perjury on the ground that when Home Minister, he gave him (Mr. Minoura) every encouragement and assurance. Impartial observers believe that Mr. Wakatsuki felt and no doubt said that it was better to remove the place to some other part of the town. But that could hardly be construed as a concession or promise. It is, therefore, generally agreed that perjury was committed by the Premier.

Not only the Government but the Opposition is involved, for politicians of all parties appear to have received money either directly or indirectly from these real estate agents, who doubtless felt it necessary to bribe the Opposition so as not to have any counter-movement started against their scheme.

G.K.C.'S TAXI SIMILE.

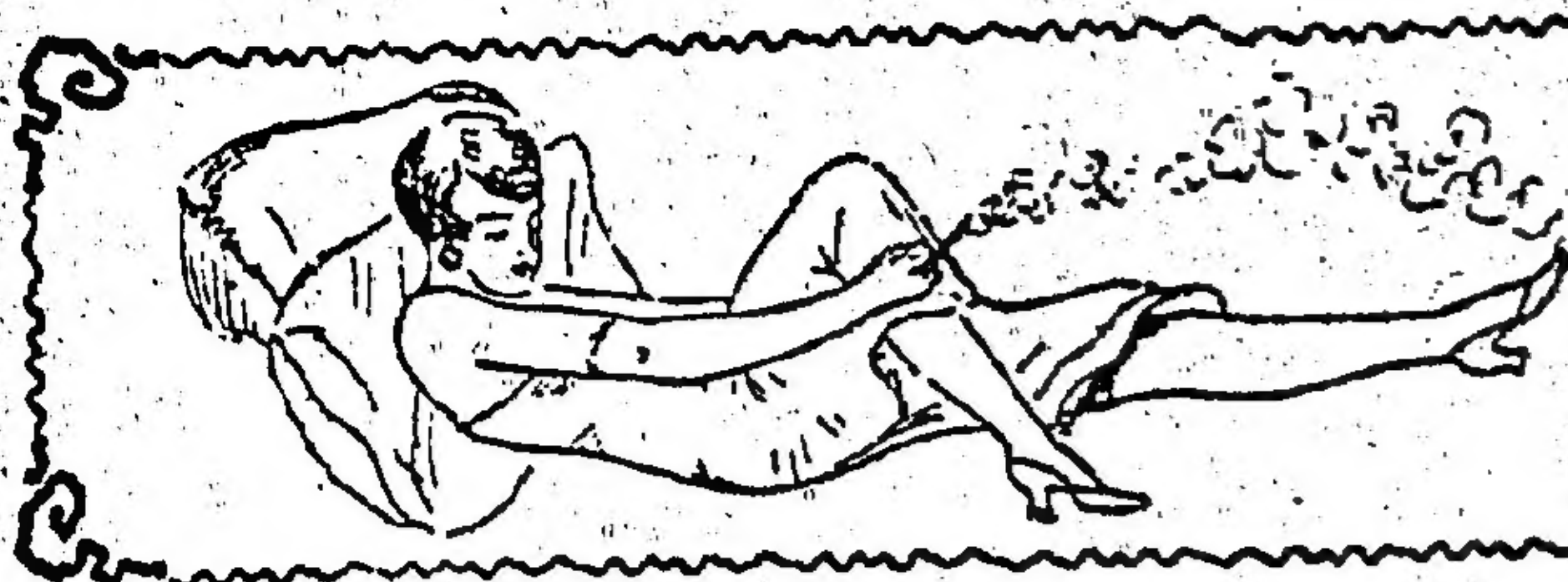
WHEN TIME STANDS STILL.

Mr. G. K. Chesterton and Sir Oliver Lodge were the principal speakers in a discussion which took place at St. Martin's Theatre on the subject of "Berkeley Square," the play which is being presented at that theatre.

Mr. Chesterton said the main point of the play was the conception that time was an illusion or a relative thing, and that all things happened simultaneously. Mr. Chesterton gave his conception of the idea of time standing still, in like taxi-cabs when they stand still in these London traffic blocks," he explained. "They seem like little hermits, cut off from the world. I often think that it might be worth while making a little garden outside. (Laughter.) If the traffic grows much more in the future I think the chief characteristic of modern society will be that everything will be stationary." (Laughter.)

If the people of the eighteenth century, added Mr. Chesterton, could view the world to-day they would be surprised that the policy of free exchange had been replaced by the monstrous monopoly and the horrible despotism of millionaires.

Sir Oliver Lodge, who congratulated the management upon putting a thoughtful play before a London audience, said that time, as a human illusion, was a possible time of thought, but sequence was an essential part of evolution, and this was not simultaneous but successive. There were certain things which could be said to be out of time, such as Love. All the attributes of Godhead must have this element of timelessness, and in so far as we were in any way connected to Godhead there must be in us an element of timelessness. "Whether time is a human illusion or a divine attribute," added Sir Oliver, "there is an element of timelessness in our affairs, and Love is one of those eternal things." (Cheers.)



The WOMAN'S PAGE

CLOTHES.

The pleasant gift of a dozen pairs of stockings of the right size and shape is one not quickly forgotten, and infrequently received. Nice men puzzle for hours over the vexed question of Christmas presents and this subject solves the whole problem so easily, for never lived the woman who had too many stockings. At the same time fashion complicates the gift, for the ideal chignon must so perfectly match the frock worn as to be part and parcel of it, and the bag, and perchance the scarf as well, not forgetting the felt or velvet pull-on beret, and keeping an unrelenting eye on the shoes. (Exit the sigh of relief from the male reader at this point.) How the properly brought up Victorian dame completed her toilet without such little gifts is a puzzle to the discerning young woman of to-day who finds half a dozen bags a necessity if she will keep up to date. Light hose continue fashionable although the shades are apt to darken as winter kills any desire for the affairs of June. Nudes are still first favourite and it is a relief to see that the deep sunburn tints have already died a death, and been replaced by something gentler in tone. Paris strained every muscle to supplant the beige with varying shades of grey, from "Elephant Breath" to black, but the move has failed. Woman has found the peace of mind, and economy, of limiting



A smart rust colour top dress with white crepe de chine front and collar.

her wardrobe to colours which will amalgamate without a second thought, and having discovered the true source of leisure in the male, is very reluctant to relinquish it. With the brown shoe, hose may be nude, or any of the varying gradations towards beige. There is a new shade, best described as grey-beige which is designed to be worn with either sports clothes of heather shades, or with navy blue suits, and afternoon dresses. There is but one way to buy the correct hose for any gown, and that is by bringing the two together under the light to which they will both be subjected. Evening stockings by artificial light are a very different shade to that expected, should they have been bought by daylight.

THE GENTLE ART OF CONVERSATION.

"The Living Age." Boston, will supply for three months for the modest sum of one dollar gold, sufficient matter to enable its subscribers to converse wittily, listen intelligently, and laugh judiciously. In fact to create a new Heaven and a new Earth right here in Hong Kong. Evidently this is an advanced course which wastes no time in inculcating the laws of "please" and "thank you," but gets right down to the "meat."

Parlour tricks are at a premium here in England's outpost of Empire, and it can scarcely be claimed that dinner table confab is conducted on any recognised lines. If there is gaiety it is spontaneous, and the wit is usually at the expense of some absent friend. The abstract is forbidden by mutual consent, local politics are never given any serious hearing until after the walnuts and the wine have passed. Discussion, which may lead to argument, is a matter for trepidation, and what is left but personal allies. Before leaving the Mother-land we are told that the English are an imperial race; that British men accompanied by their brave wives, follow the flag uncompromisingly to the most fetid places of the earth and there live in all the delicious joy of patriotic devotion. Perhaps that is what we are doing, but I feel a copy of "The Living Age" would brighten matters considerably.

BEAUTY PARLOUR.

"My wife took a prize at a Beauty Competition. The policeman saw her, and made her put it back."

OLD BALLAD.

And that, of course, was very sad, for the poor lady, but it made me wonder just how many prizes we draw during the daily round as a reward for our efforts to conjure, retain, and regain our shifting charms. The dividend often comes up when it is least expected, and sometimes passes unnoticed even then, but one good rule in England is to put on your best face, your most becoming hat, before taking a railway journey with luggage. Believe me! there is no



An evening dress which has a charming effect made of mauve crepe satin with pink and mauve flowers.

more susceptible body on earth than the average London porter. He is a cheerful soul, and is for ever trying to counteract an atmosphere of smoke and smuts by tending the lady whose hat meets with his approval. Alas, the ricksha-puller is usually unresponsive to such mundane matters, and suffers not so much in the soul as in the palms of his hands, which continually do itch! Beauty Culture shops, however, are springing up like mushrooms in Hong Kong, and in Kowloon.

Talking to a mere man on the subject of make-up he said he didn't mind what a woman did to her face as long as the result made her look absolutely clean and sparkling. Going further, he said he thought the Eton crop had that one great virtue in its favour, and as we watched the passing throng I was inclined to agree with him, and to add that the girl with really close cropped hair had the great advantage of being able to forget about her head altogether. Visions of olden days are recalled by such a contrast. Days when a tidy head of disciplined hair was sufficient to indicate all kinds of propensities only found in the "fast set," or the artistic circles of Putney and Pimlico!

I have memories of sitting behind a girl at a play and enduring the restless movement of her arms as she adjusted first one side of her head and then another. I was surprised, nevertheless, to find a local beauty parlour busily engaged on making up hair-clippings into curls and swashes; not all of these were for the amateur theatricals!

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IN THE GARDEN.

The older houses are often built up on low arches, and the space under the arches makes excellent potting ground. Here, in warm shade, the young seedlings spring up a few days after planting, and ten days later can be put out into the rock garden; for Hong Kong gardening is Rock gardening in its true and wild nature, though the *jahwong* will attempt to force you back into stereotyped ledges, one above the other, which, by their uniformity, lose even the charm of terraces.

On the Peak if you are lucky the house commands half an acre, but the hillside angle will only allow artificial beds to



An evening frock of gold lace with underslip of rose satin.

be tucked away above and below the grey granite boulders which abound. A little cement is of great value, during storm times when the precious soil is so often washed down the hill to the sea. Draining space should be left, and only the front of the small bed reinforced in this way. Azaleas are often difficult to "strike," when first brought from Japan, and always need personal care. Hydrangea cuttings are much more amenable to treatment and can be tucked away in sun and shade with impunity. Taken as a whole the Peak is very lovely in its flowering time, but it might easily be twice as colourful, and could bear several thousand new patches of hydrangeas without any fear of congestion. There is insufficient autumn shading, and one wonders why. Trees which turn to orange, brown, russet, and gold are found at all altitudes throughout the world, and would lend much variation to our island garden, and to Kowloon.

I fear the haphazard treatment such subjects receive from individuals is due to the lamented fact that so few of us regard Hong Kong as a permanent home, and few men lay a wine-cellar for unnamed posterity. Nevertheless there is a general move towards attracting the tourist, and surely the decoration of land is one of the pleasantest ways of doing it.

CANTON PEN SKETCHES.

THE CREEK.

A creek of muddy water, shallow, soiled with all the waste of humanity—shadowed and shrouded in sampans, a boat shaped as a child would draw it,—blunt edged with straight sides.

Within all is clean, polished poop, cooking pots on open charcoal stoves, a large pan frying fish, vegetation, herbs and offal together; another containing rice boiled to glutinous consistency—the cooler's food.

A woman comes to stir with chopsticks, placid face, the eyes wide apart and untroubled. She sways as she stirs. The cerise bands across her breast widen at the back to an embroidered square and hold within that square a sleeping baby.

Dimly on the small dock you discover another child. He is probably two years old and he totters on the end of a red cord attached to the curved roof, made of bamboo matting and leaves so plaited as to be rainproof. His legs carry his weight unceasingly; girls must heed their steps or the yellow waters will cover them, but the boy will be the man and the cord is his heritage.

The woman takes an iron dipper, squats on her heels and begins to brush her even white teeth. The water is not so yellow now, but it is full of this and that. She tosses it in a swirl and gazes at a young pig floating slowly by—dips her pan again within a few feet of the swollen carcass and makes tea for her family.



An attractive Navy blue velvet coat with mole-skin collar and cuffs.

Suddenly they are there—perhaps from the bund to which the sampan is tied. There is no greeting—five men sit round the steaming pan. Each has his bowl, faint blue pattern on bluey porcelain. Ten minutes pass and a young woman begins to chatter inaudibly to her of the pans. They dip the dials into the muddy water, and the men smoke from long thin-stemmed pipes.

A neighbouring sampan sways outward a little and the women exchange glances and then hurried words. The sampan moves again more definitely—bumps heavily against its neighbour and so crashes the mooring pole of those placid, well-fed smokers.

Instantly all is noise and confusion! The men try to catch the loosened awaying pole, fail, and it floats slowly out of reach. The two women hurl invective in a high animal key—their voices, their gestures and their black clothes suggest two large, angry starlings. Still no sign from the aggressor, though the sampan is now braced to the creek. A pole is being skillfully worked from the hidden stern, and having rounded the bows of the victim, a woman older than eternity comes to view. Her toes, short, strong and square-ended her foot, curve over the gunwale. Her wild grey hair streams backwards from a forehead, prolonged into baldness. High on the evening breeze tumble her words and she is joined by a young girl. Indecency, personal, general, searing insult fill the air with tumult. The men take no notice and speak no word even to each other. A small idle crowd gathers on the stone wall—the pole is recaptured, the disturber of peace passes, and oaths and ancestral curses are swamped in the high crackling of joss sticks thrown blazing into the air.

JANET HALL.

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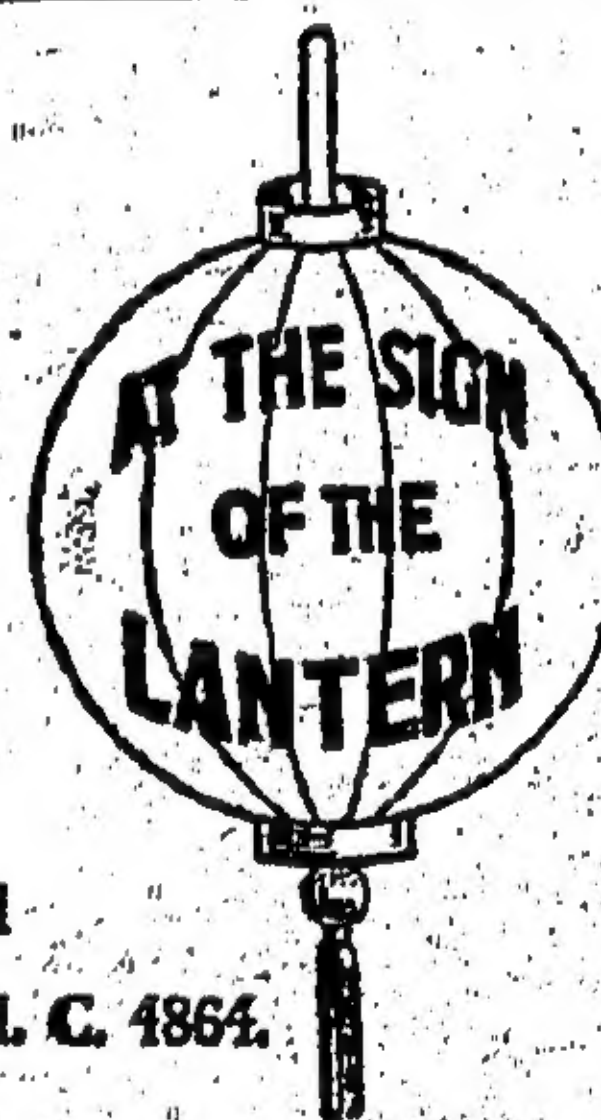
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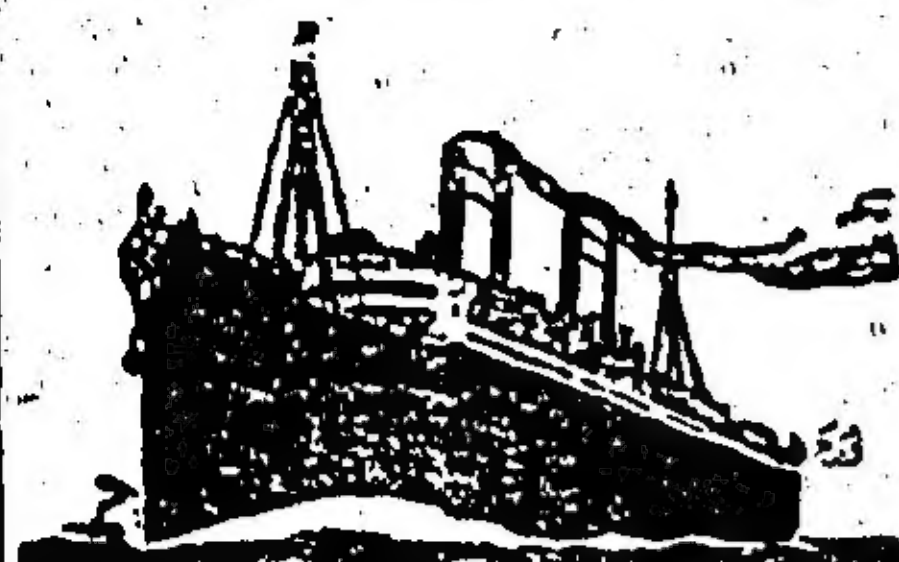
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Tak Hing, Chinese str., 105 tons, Capt. Cheng Yung Fat, from Autou, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf—Fook Hoi Co.
Tonkin, French str., 846 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C59.—Messageries Maritimes.
November 25th.
Autolytus, British str., 7,717 tons, Capt. F. H. Towill, from Liverpool, which port she left on October 23rd, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.
Relique, American str., 4,896 tons, Capt. D. A. Smith, from Philadelphia and Newport. The latter port she left on October 1st, with a general cargo, lying at North Point—Admiral Oriental Line.
Haiman, Chinese str., 641 tons, Capt. H. Carneiro, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C44.—Hip Loong Co.
Halvard, British str., 1,217 tons, Capt. C. W. Shearer, from Saigon, which port she left on November 16th, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C38.—Wo Fat Shing.
Hop Sang, British str., 1,350 tons, Capt. D. Korman, from Shanghai and Swatow, with 234 tons of general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
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Prominent, Norwegian str., 1,377 tons, Capt. H. Jensen, from Saigon, which port she left on November 19th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C42.—Karlsten Larsen & Co.
Sanuki Maru, Japanese str., 3,560 tons, Capt. S. Yano, from Yokohama, via ports. She left Moji on November 30th, with 308 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—O.S.K.
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CLEARANCES.

November 25th.
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Haiman, for Shanghai.
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Hydrangea, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Koon Maru, for Hongkong.
New Mathilde, for Haiphong.
President Taft, for Manila.
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Sanuki Maru, for Singapore.
Scheer, for Singapore.
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EMPEROR OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Mar. 30	Mar. 30	Mar. 30	Mar. 30
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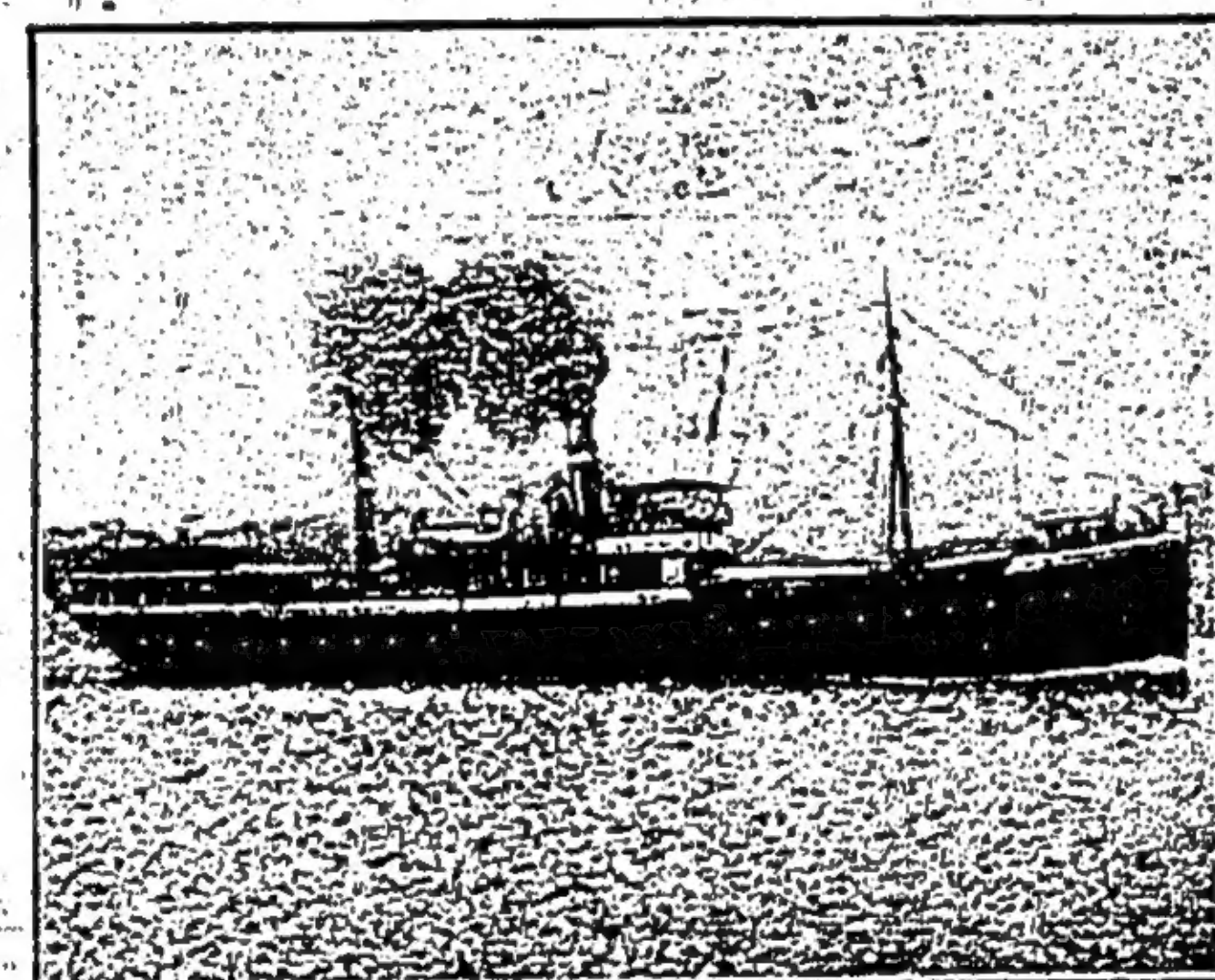
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 SUWA MARU ... Saturday, 15th Jan., at Noon
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"DELTA"	8,097	9th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	11th Dec.	Marseilles and London.
"NELLORE"	6,552	23rd Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"KEIWA"	9,135	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp and Hull.
"MINGAPORE"	6,715	3rd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hamburg & Rotterdam.
"NYANZA"	7,023	6th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"MALWA"	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	22nd Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	25th Jan.	Marseilles and London.
"MOREA"	10,918	28th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"DELTA"	8,097	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	19th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"NELLORE"	6,552	3rd March	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,902	5th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam.
"NYANZA"	7,023	17th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	19th March	Marseilles and London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	9th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"KARMALA"	9,128	13th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam.
"DELTA"	8,097	23rd April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MALWA"	10,930	30th April	Marseilles and London.
"KEIWA"	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
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"TALAMBA"	5,018	4th Dec.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	16th Dec.	do.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	25th Dec.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,506	2nd Jan.	do.
"TAKADA"	6,949	9th Jan.	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

Steamship.	Tons.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination.
"TANDA"	6,556	4th Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	31st Dec.	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	23rd Jan.	do.
"TANDA"	6,556	4th Mar.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st April	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	22nd April	do.

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The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

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Steamship.	Tons.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	26th Nov., 10 a.m.	Shanghai only.
"TALMA"	10,000	27th Nov., 8 a.m.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe and Osaka.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	5th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	7th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,941	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NYANZA"	7,023	11th Dec.	Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKLIWA"	7,506	13th Dec.	Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,949	13th Dec.	Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,144	14th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	14th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"MOREA"	10,918	15th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	15th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NELLORE"	6,552	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,556	8th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	17th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"NYANZA"	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
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"MALWA"	10,930	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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Steamship.	Tons.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination.
"CITY OF CAIRO"	10,000	3rd Dec.	Via Suez Canal.
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"COLORADO"	10,000	31st Dec.	Via Suez Canal.

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SHANGHAI	10,000	On 27th Nov.	4 p.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	10,000	On 28th Nov.	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, TSINGTAO & DALNY	10,000	On 28th Nov.	10 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	10,000	On 30th Nov.	6 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	10,000	On 30th Nov.	Noon
BANGKOK	10,000	On 1st Dec.	4 p.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	10,000	On 2nd Dec.	6 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	10,000	On 2nd Dec.	10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	10,000	On 4th Dec.	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, TSINGTAO & DALNY	10,000	On 5th Dec.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	10,000	On 5th Dec.	10 a.m.
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